

## **Trails**

1. Provide for a wide variety of motorized and nonmotorized recreational opportunities. The trail system on each National Forest will:
  - ♦ Consider barrier-free opportunities for all new construction or rehabilitation proposals.
  - ♦ Not be dedicated to a single use unless clearly necessary to resolve conflicts or create unique opportunities.
  - ♦ Have documentation on the purpose and use of each trail (FSH 2309).
2. Integrate trail systems across administrative boundaries, including adjacent Forest Service units, other federal agencies, state, and municipal trails (FSM 2353).
3. Maintain each trail to the standard required for the intended user types.
4. The permanent Forest trail system will be determined and identified in the Forest trail development plan. This plan will include the existing and future trail system, trail use type, trail management objectives, and the ROS and visual quality constraints as they apply to trail experiences (FSM 2353).
5. National Historic, Scenic, or Recreation Trails will receive higher priority than other trails for reconstruction, operation, and maintenance (FSM 2353).
6. Maintain all trails to established Forest standards:
  - ♦ Maintain trails in accordance with standards in the Trail Handbook.
  - ♦ Schedule trail maintenance in accordance with Regional acceptable work standards.
7. Construct or reconstruct trails when needed as part of the transportation system.

## **Water**

### **Water quality**

1. Develop integrated soil-water-fishery improvement schedules for watersheds, coordinated with other resources. Coordinate with state wildlife agencies. Apply treatment and land use controls as needed to restore soil productivity, water quality, and aquatic habitat (FSM 2522.03, 2522.2).
2. Hydrologic Function: Conserve the ability of watersheds and riparian areas to absorb water, filter sediment, and sustain stream channel integrity.
3. Apply watershed conservation practices to sustain healthy soil, riparian, and aquatic systems. Adopt a stewardship ethic that treats land and resources as public assets for long-term benefits. Temper land and resource use to conserve limited resources for future generations. Cooperate with state, tribal and local governments, other federal agencies, holders of water rights and other interested parties to manage water resources. (FSH 2509.25-2006-1, R2 Amendment)